AB Tech Community College

2025 - 2026
Criminal Justice Technology
Associate in Applied Science Degrees

Scan Code for program page online

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA • (828) 398-7900 • ABTECH.EDU

Criminal Justice Technology

The Criminal Justice Technology curriculum is designed to provide knowledge of criminal justice systems and operations. Study will focus on local, state, and federal law enforcement, judicial processes, corrections and security services. The criminal justice system's role within society will be explored.

Emphasis is on criminal justice systems, criminology, juvenile justice, criminal and constitutional law, investigative principles, ethics, and community relations. Additional study may include issues and concepts of government, counseling, communications, computers, and technology.

Employment opportunities exist in a variety of local, state, and federal law enforcement, corrections, and security fields. Examples include police officer, deputy sheriff, county detention officer, state trooper, intensive probation/parole surveillance officer, correctional officer, and loss prevention specialist.

Career Opportunities in Criminal Justice Technology

A.A.S. Degree   National Salary Range: $65,800 - $104,000
Law Enforcement, Highway Patrol, Deputy Sheriff, Private Security, Magistrate, Correctional Officer, Surveillance Officer, Alcohol Law Enforcement, Wildlife Enforcement

Salaries may vary based on size of business and other factors.

For More Information:
Contact Sarah Benson by email at sarahabenson@abtech.edu or by phone at 828-782-2395

Total Cost Estimate

Tuition per Semester (NC Resident)	$1,216.00 (16+ credit hours) $76.00/credit hour (1-15 hours)
Computer Use and Technology Fee	$48/semester
Activity Fee	Fall and Spring semesters only, Main campus and Online, $35.00
CAPS Fee (Campus Access, Parking and Security)	$20/semester
Matriculation Fee	$10/semester
Student Insurance	$2/Semester

Additional Fees including books may incur, please check A-B Tech website for more detail: https://abtech.edu/program/criminal-justice-technology-cost-estimate

Have you applied for Financial aid? Please visit A-B Tech website for instructions: https://abtech.edu/future-students/financial-aid/applying-aid

Courses requiring a grade of "C" or better: ACA, CJC

	Course Prefix		Course Name	Credit Hours
First Semester (Fall)	ACA	122	College Transfer Success	1
	CIS	110	Introduction to Computers	3
	CJC	111	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
	CJC	113	Juvenile Justice	3
	CJC	231	Constitutional Law	3
	ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3
Second Semester (Spring)	CJC	112	Criminology	3
	CJC	121	Law Enforcement Operations	3
	CJC	131	Criminal Law	3
	HUM	115	Critical Thinking	3
	MAT	143	Quantitative Literacy	3
	PSY	150	General Psychology	3
Third Semester (Summer)	CJC	132	Court Procedure & Evidence	3
	CJC	170	Critical Incident Management	3
	CJC	221	Investigative Principles	4
	ENG	114	Prof Research & Reporting	3
	SOC	225	Social Diversity	3
Fourth Semester (Fall)	CJC	122	Community Policing	3
	CJC	141	Corrections	3
	CJC	212	Ethics & Comm Relations	3
	CJC	222	Criminalistics	3
	CJC	255	Issues in Crim Justice Appl	3
	SPA	120	Spanish for the Workplace	3
			Program Totals:	**68**

Students who have successfully completed a curriculum offering of Basic Law Enforcement Training within 10 years of their application to the Criminal Justice Technology Program will receive credit for CJC 121, CJC 131, CJC 132, CJC 221, and CJC 231.

Students who have successfully completed the WNC Law Enforcement Leadership Academy will receive credit for CJC-111, CJC-221, CJC-231, and CJC-255.

Certificate Available:
Criminal Justice Certificate
For more information, please visit:
https://abtech.edu/programs/academic/criminal-justice